E UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re U.S. Patent Application of YOSHIMOTO et al. Art Unit: 1723 Application Number: 10/649,934 Filed: August 28, 2003 **DEWATERING SYSTEM** For: Atty Docket No. **KOBE.0055 Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231 **LETTER** Sir: The below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding: (x) Information Disclosure Statement w/PTO Form 1449 & references () Assignment Document () Response to Missing Parts () Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) w/ signed Declaration () Check for \$ |X|The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication, including fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 08-1480**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. Respectfully submitted, Stanley P. Fisher Registration/Number 24

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